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# THE SPIRIT OF '58

**WORLD PREMIERE – SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**ODEON GREAT NORTHERN, MANCHESTER**

Confirmed last week by Festival Director John Wojowksi, *The Spirit of '58*, a Manchester short film starring Jody Latham (*Shameless*), will receive its world premiere at the 14th Manchester International Short Film Festival (Kinofilm) at a red-carpet gala event at the Odeon Great Northern, Manchester on Saturday 18th November. This event, expected to be attended by celebrities and press, marks the first red carpet gala of 24-year old writer, director and Moston, Manchester-born Patrick Nicholls' career.

Latham stars as Joe Reddy, a mid-30's builder whose wife has recently left him after his new business has fallen apart. His only company is his widowed Dad, Patrick (played by Mark Vanhendrijk), providing light relief, helping him sit through his problems and escape the house by taking him out to the pub to watch Manchester United, sharing a life of advice along the way. Set across ten nervous days in north Manchester, 1999, when United are playing to win a historic treble of the Premier League, FA Cup and European Cup, Joe and his Dad contemplate the luck in his life with the desperate hope that it will mirror that of their beloved team.

On the film's Festival page, Director Patrick said on the film:

*"We shot the film in Moston, the working-class area of the city where I grew up. I've always said that when I do a film in Manchester, I'd do it there, and it fills me with so much pride that we did. We've shown recently that we're different in Manchester and pull together so strongly in times of need, and that's exactly what this film was always about. After the terror attack at the Manchester Arena this year, Manchester United's match in the Europa League final a few days later became so much more important as symbol of the city's resilience. Football has always been a huge part of being a Mancunian and none more so than the year we've focused on in the film (which, despite my age, I remember so well): 1999."*

After winning Manchester United's MUTV Shorts competition in May this year, *The Spirit of '58* is also set to have its television debut early next year – another major career milestone for the director and his team.